



The 2012 American Election

Will the Republicans Re-take the White House?

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How are Presidents chosen?

- **Founders' Options**
- **Congress chooses**
- **People choose**
- **States choose**
- **The solution?: Electoral College**
- **How many members of the Congress does each state have? That is its Electoral Vote**

But the People Vote. Don't they?

- Every state adopted the popular vote to “instruct” electors whom to vote for.
- All but two states use “Winner take all”.
- Trivia: which two do not?
- So, total US House (435) + Senate (100) +
- DC gets 3
- Total possible = 538





The Winning Formula

- **Majority of EV to win. That is 270.**
- **If nobody gets a majority, Congress decides.**
- **Not since 1876.**
- **What about Nader and Perot?**
- **Bush v. Gore in 2000.**

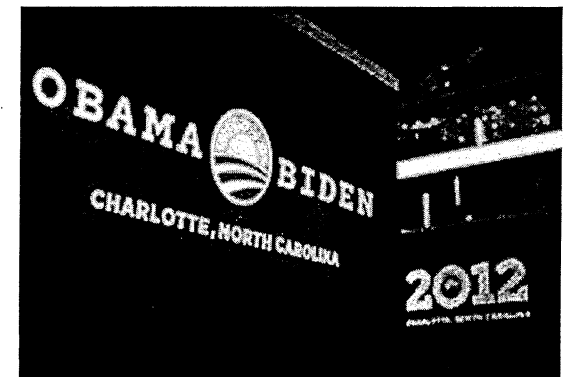
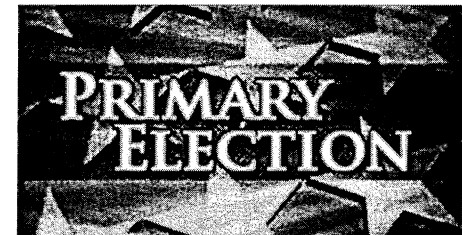


The Significance of Parties

- **Extra- Constitutional creation.**
- **Factors contributing to two party dominance.**
- **Winner tale all.**
- **“Ins” v. “Outs”**

Party Nomination Process

- The National Nominating Conventions
- State by State Delegate selection
- Caucuses (Iowa)
- Primaries (New Hampshire)
- Winning the Nomination
- Picking the “running mate”



The Candidates in 2016

- ???, the Democrat
- ???, the Republican
- “Third Parties”
- Libertarian, Green



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Debates



Polls

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